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AIR FREIGHT UP 17.2%
IN FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1988

Washington, D.C., December 5, 1988 -- Air freight increased 17.2 percent during the first three quarters of 1988, compared with the same period a year earlier, and was up 16.6 percent in September for the 22 carriers reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight in the first three quarters of the year increased 13.9 percent. Mail volume was up 3.2 percent. Total cargo including freight and mail increased 11.5 percent.

International air freight of U.S. airlines during the first three quarters of 1988 rose 20.9 percent. Mail volume increased 3.1 percent, and total cargo was up 19.1 percent.

Domestic air freight in September rose 10.8 percent. Mail volume registered a gain of 3.6 percent. Total domestic cargo volume was up 9.3 percent.

International air freight of the U.S. airlines in September rose 23.4 percent. Mail was up 8.9 percent, and total cargo increased 22.1 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
SEPTEMBER 1988	417,850	102,653	520,503	401,395	33,965	435,360	819,245	955,863
SEPTEMBER 1987	377,168	99,040	476,208	325,269	31,175	356,444	702,437	832,652
PERCENT CHANGE	10.8	3.6	9.3	23.4	8.9	22.1	16.6	14.8
9 MONTHS 1988	3,545,117	945,090	4,490,207	3,255,279	309,568	3,564,847	6,800,396	8,055,054
9 MONTHS 1987	3,111,636	915,757	4,027,393	2,692,559	300,230	2,992,789	5,804,195	7,020,182
PERCENT CHANGE	13.9	3.2	11.5	20.9	3.1	19.1	17.2	14.7

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Jet America, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, TranStar, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.